

RESIST PAYMENT OF EXPRESS TAXES

Companies Expected to Appeal to
Courts From Action of
Legislature.

CAMP NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

Officers Working Hard—Ex-
ecutive Speaks at Ocean
View School Rally.

No doubt exists in the minds of those in authority that the express companies doing business in Virginia will resist payment of the increased license taxes imposed upon them under the new law. If these concerns pay the license rates without legal proceedings it will be surprising indeed. It is further expected that the point of attack will be the constitutionality of the license law. In the event of a legal victory for the common carriers, it will be necessary for the next Legislature to make a complete change in the method of taxation, and it may very likely entirely lose all taxes on express companies for the years 1910 and 1911.

Over the earnest protest of express company representatives, the tax was raised by the last Legislature from \$2 per mile to \$5. The Senate made the increase 150 per cent., or \$7.50 for each mile of railroad over which the carriers do business. The Senate bill then came to the House Finance Committee, which had already reported a House bill at the same rate.

Successful Argument.
However, at the last moment, Major Shelton, of Norfolk, representing the Southern Express Company, made a final plea. He told the committee that such a charge would wipe out every dollar of his company's profits in this State. The statement of earnings and expenses, he said, was on file in the office of the State Corporation Commission, and had not been controverted. As a result of his argument, the committee amended the Senate bill so as to make a charge of \$5, which doubled the existing rate. Efforts were made on the floor to reduce this to \$5, but failed.

Both houses finally agreed to the \$5 rate. Attorneys for the companies declared themselves willing to pay some increase because of their growing business. But Major Shelton said that a mileage tax was unquestionably unconstitutional. When asked why his company had been paying such a tax, he said that it desired to avoid litigation, intimating that it had been satisfied with the rate. What he wanted was a tax of 1 per cent. on gross receipts, like that paid by the railroad companies. It is estimated that such a tax would have amounted to about \$1 per mile.

No Money in Honor.
Doubts were cast during the debate in the Senate on the accuracy of the reports of earnings. There was, besides, a feeling that express companies were making much money from carrying liquor, although this was denied. Major Shelton said that the companies did not especially desire this business, since breakage and other losses took away their profits. Then the fact that little or no property is owned by express companies in Virginia on which taxes are paid was an argument for an increase.

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his reason for thinking a mileage tax unconstitutional. It is presumed that he referred to the interference by the State with interstate commerce. In case of success in establishing this contention, it is evident that the express companies would pay no taxes at all until after the meeting of the next Legislature, since no other form of taxation is provided in this State. It is supposed the test will come next November, when this year's taxes will be due.

NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

"William Hodges Mann" Camp of Instruction Near Petersburg.

Orders were issued yesterday from the office of Adjutant-General W. W. Sale giving the name "William Hodges Mann Camp" to the camp of instruction for Infantry officers near Petersburg.

General Sale anticipates a successful course of instruction. To-day's program is as follows:

7:30 A. M.—Tactical walk. A march, advance guard, rear guard, patrolling, orders and messages.

11 A. M.—The ration and its preparation. Selection of components, verification of issues, savings, supervision of kitchen and inspection of meals, kitchen expedients and management.

1:30 P. M.—Patrolling. Officers being organized into patrols and their movements directed by the instructor.

Messages to be written out and delivered to the instructor in charge.

Inspection under arms followed by a short talk on the rifle, its essential parts, care, cleaning and inspection.

3 P. M.—Conference on day's work and practical talk on infantry outposts—the company, battalion and regiment.

Governor at Ocean View.
Governor Mann went to Norfolk yesterday to attend the second annual "Educational Rally Day" of the thirty-six public schools in Tanager's Creek Magisterial District. He delivered the address of the occasion in the Ocean View Casino.

The Governor was the guest of State Senator John A. Loefer, chairman of the District School Board.

No State Cases.
No Commonwealth cases appear upon the docket of the Supreme Court of Appeals at its Westville session, which begins next Tuesday, and it will not be necessary for Attorney-General Williams or his assistant, W. E. Bibb, to be present.

Mr. Buford Here.
E. P. Buford, Commonwealth's attorney for Brunswick county, called at the Auditor's office yesterday.

WILL MAKE PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE

Arthur Webb Shoots and Kills
Claude Powell After Be-
ing Attacked.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Danville, Va., May 27.—Claude T. Powell, aged eighteen years, and son of Elisha T. Powell, a contractor, was shot and fatally wounded last night at about 11 o'clock by Arthur Webb, about the same age, and son of R. S. Webb. The slayer was the friend and

savior of Miss Cora May Powell, the fifteen-year-old sister of the slain youth. The shooting took place in the front yard of the Powell home, when Webb was leaving, after bidding good-night to the girl, whom he had taken to an entertainment in the city earlier in the evening.

From the evidence secured, young Powell had objected to the attentions paid his young sister by Webb. At the coroner's inquest to-day, she testified that bad feeling had existed between the two boys, one said that last night after returning from an entertainment, and spending a few minutes in the front parlor of the home, Webb started to leave the house. Her brother, she says, followed him, and struck him with an axe handle. Webb then drew his pistol, firing five times, at close range. Powell fell prostrate, with four bullet wounds in his body, dying to-day from his injury. His deposition was not taken. The parents of the slain boy were asleep, and knew no details of the shooting. After the shooting Webb fled, and was arrested early this morning. He is now in jail, and will plead self-defense when arraigned for trial.

Webb stated that he carried a pistol last night because a number of other boys, including Claude Powell, who reside in the same neighborhood, had threatened to throw rocks at him if he persisted in visiting the Powell girl. Webb lives in a different section of the city and the boys living in the community of the Powell home appear to have looked upon his visitations with jealousy, and regarded him as an intruder. The young girl, in her evidence before the coroner's jury this afternoon, bore out Webb's statement that her brother and other boys had threatened to rock him. She said that she knew he had a pistol in his pocket when she went out with him last night. So far as can be gathered, the parents of the girl appear to have offered no objection to young Webb coming to the house, though they were aware of the ill feeling existing between him and their son. The two boys had a difficulty several days ago, and it is charged that Webb slapped Powell in his face.

CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR.
Commencement at the Co-Operative School, Bedford City.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bedford City, May 27.—The commencement of the Co-Operative School was inaugurated by a concert, combined with other interesting features. Thursday evening, at Belmont Theatre, it was extremely creditable, both to the students and their instructors. Diplomas of graduation were presented the following young women: Misses Ogilvie, V. Arlington, of Montvale; Ida May Blankenship, of Petersburg; Dorrie W. Clay, Gladys Ruth, J. Gilliam, Manassas; Augusta J. Sutherland, Union Hall; Ida Vaughan Tume, Houston; Grace Darling Turnley, Sunlight; Corinne Somerville and Mary Elizabeth White, Winston; Mary I. Wilkinson, Bedford City. The medal for piano recital was presented Miss May I. Wilkinson. Miss Corinne S. White, who was not eligible because she received it last year, was presented a diploma of graduation, as also was Miss Wilkinson. The scholarship medal was won by Miss Dossie Clay.

The highest grades in the school were made by Misses Ruth Gilliam, Dossie Clay, Mammie Johnson, Augusta Sutherland, Ida Tume, Corinne White, Bessie White, Odilva Arrington.

The annual address was made Friday morning in the school chapel by Rev. W. W. Revell, D. D., after which the other awards of the school were made in the various branches of study. The students' reception was held Friday evening in the school building, and was a much enjoyed occasion.

Bar and Contents Destroyed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Leesburg, Va., May 27.—A large barn on the White Hall Farm, near Leesburg, owned by H. J. Fodeley, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin last night. The entire contents were destroyed, consisting of farming implements, hay, fodder, straw and 2,000 feet of new lumber. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

Sentenced to State Prison.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winston-Salem, N. C., May 27.—In the Superior Court to-day Dock Howall was given ten years in State's prison for killing Lewis Hariston several months ago.

GRAIN LIQUOR TO GET LIQUOR MARK

Products Distilled From Other
Material to Be Marked "Imi-
tation Whiskey."

NEW LAW EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Government Determined to Let
Consumer Know Exactly
What He Drinks.

On and after July 1, 1910, distillers and rectifiers of whiskey will be required by the internal revenue laws to mark and brand in plain letters whether the spirits are made from grain or fruit. If the spirits are produced from material other than grain, the cask, barrel, or other package, must be marked "imitation whiskey."

The new law is the result of the efforts on the part of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of the United States Department of Agriculture, to compel manufacturers of liquor to let the consumer know exactly what kind of whiskey he is drinking. At the present time there is no law which compels the distiller or rectifier to brand liquor in such a manner that the public may be certain what it is buying.

Under the new law when spirits are withdrawn from receiving cisterns they must be marked or branded on the stamp head of the cask or package. Regulations as follows must be observed by distillers and rectifiers:

High wines.—That which is the first product of distillation produced below 160 per cent. of proof and withdrawn from the cistern room above 110 per cent. of the proof shall be marked and branded "high wines."

Alcohol or spirits.—All distilled spirits produced above 160 per cent. of proof shall be marked and branded "alcohol" or "spirits," or "neutral spirits," or "alcohol," as the case may be.

Whiskey.—All distillate from grain withdrawn from the cistern room at a proof below 110 per cent. shall be marked and branded "whiskey."

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as prohibiting the use of other truthful descriptive words or legends, such as "straight," "very," "Bourbon," "corn," "aged in wood," "sour mash," "hand process."

All packages of distilled spirits marked and branded on and after July 1, 1910, shall conform to these regulations, and all regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded as of that date. No packages of distilled spirits marked or branded prior to July 1, 1910, in accordance with the provisions of laws now in operation, shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture.

Collectors and gaugers as well as rectifiers and distillers have been provided with a copy of the new regulations. Commissioner Cabell, in his letter of instruction to revenue agents, says: "All internal revenue agents are expected to be vigilant to see that these provisions are fully and carefully observed."

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Truthful Descriptions.
Brandy, rum and gin.—Those products of distillation which, by reason of the material and the method of distillation employed, are differentiated into various forms of portable spirits will be marked or branded with the name as known to the trade, as "brandy," "rum," "gin," and other truthful descriptive words may be used, such as "apple," "peach," "cherry," provided that no distilled spirits produced from material other than grain shall be marked or branded whiskey, unless the word "whiskey" is preceded by the word "imitation."

On the premises of rectifiers packages of distilled spirits, stamped by a gauger after rectification at a rectifying house, shall be marked or branded as follows:

All grain distillate reduced to potable proof, not excluding harmless coloring and flavoring matter, shall be marked or branded "whiskey." All mixtures of whiskeys, not excluding harmless coloring and the flavoring matter, shall be marked or branded "whiskey—a blend."

Any mixture of whiskey, not excluding harmless coloring and flavoring matter, with a distillate other than grain, provided sufficient whiskey to dominate the mixture is used, shall be labeled "whiskey—a compound."

Where not sufficient whiskey to dominate the mixture is used, or where the article contains no grain distillate, the word "whiskey" in connection therewith shall not be used unless preceded by the word "imitation."

Must Give Ingredients.
No distilled spirits shall be entered by a government officer for dumping in any rectifying establishment unless it shall plainly appear upon the package containing the same whether the spirits have been produced from grain or from material other than grain.

Packages containing cordials, liquors and other like artificial compounds shall be marked with such appropriate names as shall indicate the kind or contents.

Packages filled on the premises of wholesale liquor dealers must be marked by the dealer on the stamp end, in conformity with these regulations. All words in the marks and brands on the heads of packages of distilled spirits must be legibly marked or branded in letters not less than one inch in length.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as prohibiting the use of other truthful descriptive words or legends, such as "straight," "very," "Bourbon," "corn," "aged in wood," "sour mash," "hand process."

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**CONDUCTORSTALK
OF WAGE QUESTION**

For the purpose of getting into line with the pending concerted action between certain leading Southern railroads and their employees, regarding wage matters, the general committee of the Order of Railway Conductors of the Atlantic Coast Line held a meeting at Murphy's Hotel yesterday morning. Delegates were elected to the meeting now being held at the Hotel of the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railways in Washington.

There is no particular grievance on hand, but for some time there has been an embroilment between the Order of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Brakemen. The general committee was in session for two hours. The situation was thoroughly discussed, and general chairman R. S. Brooks, of Richmond, and C. E. McCulloch, of Wilmington, were elected a committee to go to Washington. They were given full power to act in the adjustment of the wage scale. It is believed that the Washington meeting will result in a better basis between employer and employee.

Those who attended the meeting were General Chairman S. J. Brooks, of Richmond; C. L. Forbes, vice-chairman, representing the Montgomery (Ala.) division; S. K. Musgrove, Waycross (Ga.) division; R. J. Perkins, Lake Land (Fla.) division; L. W. Kirkland, Savannah (Ga.) division; H. A. Wells, Charleston (S. C.) division; J. C. McCulloch, Florence division; Peter Jones, Richmond division; W. J. Hobbs, Jr., Norfolk division; D. J. Pearson, Rocky Mount (N. C.) division; J. W. Koller, Jacksonville (Fla.) division.

The only woman present was Mrs. C. L. Forbes, of Montgomery. She and Captain Forbes will go to Washington to-day.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.
Final Batch Monday When Adjournment for Term Will Be Taken.

Raleigh, N. C., May 27.—The Supreme Court delivered this evening opinions in twenty-four appeals and decided to adjourn for the term Monday, when the final batch of opinions will be ready for delivery. The list handed down to-day follows:

Voliva vs. Cedar Works, Tyrrell county; petition to rehear sustained. Jaskett vs. Tyrrell county; affirmed. Godwin vs. Parker, Harnett; reversed. Richardson vs. Richardson, Union; affirmed. Bennett vs. Western Union Telegraph Co., Jones; reversed. Cogswell vs. Seaboard Air Line, Moore; no error. Lancaster Trust Co. vs. Mason, Durham; petition to rehear sustained. Brooks Manufacturing Co. vs. Southern Railway, Guilford; affirmed. Harner vs. Town of Lenoir, Caldwell; no error. Bryan vs. Cowles, Watauga; no error. McBryer vs. Harrell, Rutherford; reversed. Fortune vs. Hunt, Rutherford; affirmed. Harbison vs. Allen, Burke; reversed. Roberts vs. Pratt, McDowell; no error. Hunt vs. Southern Railway, Buncombe; no error. Brookshire vs. Electric Co., Buncombe; reversed and action dismissed. Rich vs. Electric Co., Buncombe; affirmed. Wells vs. Commissioners of Cherokee; petition for mandamus dismissed. Woodbury vs. King, Cherokee; new trial. Highway Commissioner vs. Welch, Cherokee; affirmed. Sanford Chamberlain and Alberg Co. vs. Eubanks, Cherokee; no error. Powers vs. Barker, Graham; no error. Cowan, McClung & Co. vs. Warrill Swain, per curiam; affirmed. State vs. Blizard, Duplin, per curiam; affirmed.



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SYNOD DISCUSSES MISSION WORK

More Activity on Part of Church
Urged by Speaker—To-
Day's Program.

Extension of church and mission work continued to be the subject of discussion at the session of the German Evangelical Synod of North America yesterday in St. John's German Evangelical Church. There were morning, afternoon and night meetings.

Rev. J. Schoettie, of Scranton, Pa., conducted the opening session yesterday. Others taking part in the work of the day were Rev. George W. Kern, Rev. Dr. Schmidt, Rev. Mr. Cruft and Rev. William Aufderhaar. The reports from various committees took up much of the time. Plans for the extension of church work in Newark, N. J., and Arlington, N. J., were brought up, and there is a strong probability that the missions in these places will be developed into full churches.

In the afternoon a strong paper was read by Rev. J. A. Welsch, of Williamsport, Pa., pointing out the need for more activity on the part of men in the church. Strong men, the speaker said, were as much needed in the church as in business. This paper precipitated a general discussion as to how men could be attracted into church work, the resulting conclusions being that they must be approached individually.

The night services were very interesting. Rev. George W. Kern, of Tabern, N. Y., spoke in German on the necessity for more church activity in respect to home and foreign missions.

He made a plea that support should be given to charitable enterprises, regardless of denomination. Rev. William Dresel, of Evansville, Ind., spoke on Sunday school work, showing a strong percentage of Bible study among the churches of the denomination. Dr. Dresel spoke with authority, for he is a member of the executive committee of the International Sunday School Association.

There will be a session from 9 until 12 this morning. In the afternoon the visiting delegates and pastors will be shown the historic points of the city by the members of the church.

To-morrow the first service in the church will be a meeting of the synod with the Sunday school of the church here. Rev. M. Bonitz, of Cambridge, Md., will speak in German, while Rev. Carl Enders, of Baltimore, will speak in English. At 11 there will be the usual services, at which Rev. H. Arlt, of Baltimore, will preach.

A memorial service at the grave of Rev. Paul Menzel, a beloved former pastor of the church here, will be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The service will be conducted by Rev. C. J. Schmidt, of New York. Rev. R. Stavey, of Trenton, N. J., will preach to the synod to-morrow night. The women of the church are making the stay of the visitors very pleasant by serving them lunch every day in the lecture room.

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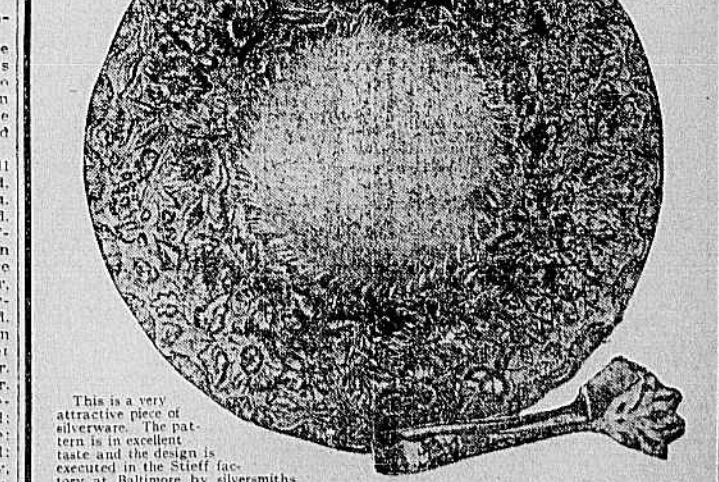
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